

MILLION PENSION SAVING PROPOSED

Commissioner Would Adopt System of Payment Without Signing Voucher.

4,000,000 LETTERS SAVED

Certification of Indorsement on Back of Checks Will Be Sole Requirement—Names on Roll Reduced to 892,000.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—A saving estimated at \$1,000,000 annually to the pensioners of the United States and eventually about \$10,000,000 a year to the Government, is contemplated by a simplified plan for the payment of pensions without vouchers which Commissioner of Pensions Davenport submitted to the Secretary of the Interior in his annual report made public today.

During the year 1910, \$137,335,169 was paid as pensions, a decrease of \$2,458,154 from last year, making the total amount paid in pensions since the foundation of the Government, \$4,236,231,730. There were 54,589 names dropped from the roll and 24,520 added, leaving a net loss of 30,069 pensioners. The total number at the end of the year was 3,812,334, the smallest number since 1907. Methods of economy suggested by a decrease of the cost of administration by \$1,000,000, the amount being \$2,517,127, the lowest since 1883.

Red Tape Would Be Cut.

Commissioner Davenport's plan, which was developed at the request of Congress and which will require the passage of a law, would greatly simplify the methods of paying pensions, result in the making of pension checks on the day upon which the pension falls due, eliminate the cost to the pensioner of a large majority of cases to the execution of pension vouchers, which varies from \$1 to \$2 yearly; decrease to a considerable extent the work in drawing and mailing pension checks and eliminate the necessity of four million letters yearly through the mails, saving about \$80,000 thereby.

The plan contemplates payment direct by check, mailed to the last address of the pensioner. Besides the indorsement on the back of these checks, the Government would require certification by the witnesses, as is now required, in a few instances, Commissioner Davenport said, vouchers will be required.

Fraud Declared Negligible.

Commissioner Davenport told of his efforts to ascertain the truthfulness of reports in the press and elsewhere that the pension roll was honeycombed with fraud. He said that a wide-spread rumor to the effect that the pension roll was being purged of names was unfounded. He said that the pension roll was being purged of names who were dead, or who had moved, or who were otherwise ineligible. He said that the pension roll was being purged of names who were dead, or who had moved, or who were otherwise ineligible. He said that the pension roll was being purged of names who were dead, or who had moved, or who were otherwise ineligible.

WEATHER DELAYS RODGERS

Aviator Fixes on Fort Worth, Tex., as His Next Goal.

KINITA, Okla., Oct. 15.—Aviator Rodgers, who arrived here on his trip across the continent, was detained here today by adverse weather conditions.

TRAINS CRASH ON CURVE

Abolished First Class Cars.

The movement of the passenger train, however, was not great in a moment, it was piled high upon the freight engine, which almost stopped. The crews of both engines jumped.

Mr. John Collier, of Los Angeles, a passenger in the Pullman, rushed to the front and worked heroically to assist the injured.

Army Corps to Aid.

The crew and uninjured passengers formed themselves into a band that worked under the direction of Dr. Collier until the arrival of the Army Medical Corps, from Fort Crook, under Major Dale and Lieutenant Clark.

A call was sent to Omaha for medical assistance. The engineer of the passenger declared he heard no whistle from the freight train. He said he was not going over 25 or 30 miles.

Engineer Crawford, of the freight train, wandered about the wreck, pale and unsteady. With tears in his eyes, he repeated over and over his story of the collision. He blamed Gross, his conductor, for the wreck, saying that he had been given no order regarding the passenger train.

"MENTAL LAPSE" IS CAUSE

Freight Crew Forgets Passenger, in Face of Special Orders.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 15.—The accident can only be attributed to the fallibility of men, as the freight crew seems to have had one of those mental lapses that sometimes occur, causing them to forget all about passenger trains, notwithstanding special notification was given that it was due, the explanation in brief of the probable cause of the collision near Omaha, advanced by President Bush of the Missouri Pacific.

The freight train was in charge of Conductor Gross and Engineer Crawford. It was said that the freight crew was not aware of the presence of the passenger train. The freight crew was not aware of the presence of the passenger train.

PAROLED CHICAGO BANKER, WHO DENIES AMBITION TO BECOME "COAL KING."



JOHN R. WALSH.

WALSH QUILTS FIGHT

Paroled Financier Denies Ambition to Rise.

REST IS FIRST DESIRE

No Attempt to Be Made to Become "Coal King of West"—Sons Are Doing Well in Business and Will Not Need Help.

CHICAGO, Oct. 15.—John R. Walsh, ex-banker and former head of railroad and quarry enterprises in this vicinity, who was paroled Saturday from the Fort Leavenworth Federal prison, spent today at his home here. He outlined tonight his plans for the future.

"I do not contemplate any sensational financial fight; I do not anticipate my entry to the business world again will be a matter of apprehension or anxiety to those now engaged in business," he said tonight, with a twinkle in his eye. "I have quit fighting. All I want to do now is to get a little rest at home, get a new line on the tangled brambles of business enterprises I am interested in since the adjustment of the clearing-house note, and get those enterprises in what shape I can. After things have been straightened out, I do not know just what I shall do. Certainly I shall make no attempt, as has been reported, to become the coal king of the West. I take it that the coal royalty is a rather complete as it is."

"No, my plans are very simple and are not such as will be of interest to you," he said straight out to my affairs as well as I can and after that will engage in such enterprises as opportunities present. I haven't another line to enter in getting into another of what is called struggle for financial prominence. Both my boys are engaged in business and are doing satisfactorily, so they probably won't need my help."

The former banker arrived in Chicago from Kansas today and went directly home, where he was welcomed by his wife and family. The day was spent quietly at home, where several of his friends and acquaintances visited him. He told them he would not go down to his office for several days.

CHINESE WOMAN TO VOTE

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newspaper offices for cablegrams from the Orient.

A mass meeting was held tonight at Oakland to celebrate "Independence day."

Free speech, no taxation without representation and no restrictions on the franchise save as to education are the fundamental principles of the new constitution.

TROOPS MOVING SECRETLY

Peking Government Puts Embargo on Use of Telegraph.

PEKING, Oct. 15.—The Chinese government has placed severe restrictions on telegraph lines, evidently for the purpose of preventing communication between the rebels. The telegraph administration refuses to transmit messages either to or from the provinces of Hunan, Hubei, Kwangsi, Szechuen, Kweichow and Yunnan.

On this account Hankow, where the revolution is at its height, is cut off. Until lately the revolutionists, having free use of the wires, received and disseminated information concerning the progress of their plans in all quarters.

The government refuses to reveal the number of the destination of the troops who are being sent southward. Beginning tomorrow, only a single first-class train will be run daily between Peking and Tientsin, about 70 miles to the southeast of the capital. This is due to a heavy movement of troops and for the purpose of preventing any great number of rebels from coming into Peking. Passenger and freight traffic has been entirely suspended between Peking and Hankow.

to permit correspondents to accompany the army. Both sides are desirous of favoring foreigners, and it is believed that the government will reconsider this refusal if the Imperialists meet with initial success.

The last dispatch received from Hankow said that the revolutionaries had organized a Red Cross Society and had invited the co-operation of the American Episcopal mission. This invitation was accepted provisionally.

GOVERNMENT GETS ULTIMATUM

Yuan Shi Kai Won't Be Viceroy Unless Reforms Are Granted.

LONDON, Oct. 15.—A Shanghai dispatch to a London news agency says that Yuan Shi Kai, who was recalled by the government and appointed a viceroy of Hu-Peh and Huma provinces, has declined to accept the appointment unless it is accompanied by imperial guarantees of immediately effective reforms and the enforcement of constitutional measures, such as are demanded by the leaders of the present agitation. The insurgents disclaim the capture of revolutionaries. They have styled themselves the Constitutional party, contending that the constitution guaranteed by the late Emperor has been violated under the existing regime.

The insurgents say the dispatch, were well organized and leaders have their forces thoroughly in hand. All looting and lawlessness is mercilessly repressed. The absence of lawlessness is due to the rich results of the revolution. The insurgents have handed over their wealth to the insurgents, who have also commandeered all the specie in the banks, for which they have given receipts.

Another dispatch received here from Hankow, purporting to bear the date of Sunday, 11 A. M., says:

"Perfect order is still being maintained here, and foreign concessions respected by the rebels, who occupy the city."

FLOODS HELP REBELLION

PESTILENCE ADDS TO MISERY IN YANGTSE VALLEY.

Mutilated Corpses in Uniform Seen in River Toll of Fate of Many Imperial Soldiers.

VICTORIA, Oct. 15.—News was brought by the Empress of Japan that thousands were dying of starvation in Kiangsu, along the Yangtze, following the floods, and the situation was expected to result in a great augmentation of the rebellious outbreak which began in Szechuen and has since spread to other provinces. Refugees paint a black picture of dire distress.

Put briefly, the whole of the country is under water. The Yangtze has risen to such an extent that it is now bounded only by the ranges of hills which rise some distance from the banks, corpses are floating everywhere, and famine-stricken refugees are dying daily from disease.

The river in places is 35 miles broad and floating bodies are seen in large numbers, while starving dogs were seen feeding upon them. An officer of one of the river gunboats tells of seeing several mutilated corpses in uniform, indicating the fate of some Imperial soldiers at the hands of the starving peasantry.

Between 50,000 and 70,000 refugees, probably from Anhui, are clustered at Nanking in the hope of being able to get food and shelter, but their condition is appalling. Yet it is not through hunger that they are being carried off, but through the ravages of disease. Cholera is raging among them, and typhus is said to be equally bad, besides other forms of pestilence. The death rate is reported to be between 200 and 300 a day.

Food has been sent to them, but under the awful conditions now prevailing there it is next to impossible for medical science to do anything. It is difficult to see how the situation can be alleviated at the present juncture and what will happen later is almost too horrible to imagine. With corpses laden with disease germs spread broadcast everywhere, the situation as soon as the waters subside will present a hopeless complexion, such as has not been known for decades.

Game Wardens Are Active.

AURORA, Or., Oct. 15.—(Special.)—This vicinity seems to be a favorite section with the game wardens. Several were through here this week at various times, and it is the intention of the wardens thoroughly to patrol this neighborhood the remainder of the year. Gay Stryker is the deputy who has been assigned to this district.

Colonist

TENSANDS ON WAY AS FALL RATES END

Travel to Oregon Nearly as Great as Record Spring Western Travel.

SWISS FARMERS MAJORITY

Result of Advertising Campaign of Oregon in Newspapers Shown in Numbers of Colonists Here and on Way.

In the 30-day period of reduced railroad fares from Eastern cities to the Northwest that closed yesterday, the number of homeseekers coming from the rural districts of Europe has been a notable feature.

Railroad officials and civil authorities engaged in the development of the state have been surprised at this feature of the colonizing movement, but see in it one of the most hopeful signs for the rapid settlement of unoccupied lands.

While the movement from the Eastern states has continued steadily and in a volume that has been encouraging to those communities seeking future land owners, the movement from Europe has been an added joy that they did not take into early consideration.

Probably the most pleasing feature of the immigrant movement has its source in the class of Europeans coming to Oregon. Nearly one-half those coming from Europe are natives of Switzerland and Scandinavia. Some are Germans, and a few come from the countries of Southern Europe.

It is the Swiss immigration, however, that is most noticeable. Nearly every day sees the arrival of one or more families from the Alpine regions. Many of these the last few days had gained some knowledge of Oregon through correspondence with friends already here, and all were devoted to the farm. Few, if any, Swiss immigrants have expressed an intention of locating in Portland.

Swiss Purchase Small Tracts.

This is another phase of the situation particularly pleasing to the authorities in all their recent efforts to attract colonists to the state they have sought to discourage them from remaining in the cities. The point is that if the land is settled, cultivated and made productive, the cities will grow as a natural consequence.

Some of the Swiss farmers have purchased garden tracts in the immediate vicinity of Portland. Others have gone down along the coast, where they expect to engage in dairying. Quite a few single men are among the number. They are seeking employment on the farms and expect eventually to own property in the present vicinity.

Yesterday seven Swiss families arrived. One had nine children. All the others had children, the number ranging from one to five for each family. They were of all ages and ages. They seemed to be fairly well-to-do and had definite arrangements for locating on small farms near the coast.

The came from the neighboring communities of Innerhoff and Interloch.

As a rule the Swiss immigrant has enough money to purchase a comfortable start, as by nature he is thrifty, energetic and honest. Railroad officials and officers of commercial bodies say the Swiss are among the most desirable class of immigrants.

In the last year the advertising campaigns for the exploitation of Oregon have been carried by the railroads into European cities and to the rural districts. The steady influx of people from across the Atlantic is evidence that this method of publicity has had results.

Many Thousands to Settle.

Estimates of the aggregate number of colonists that will come to the state as a result of the low fares that have been offered by the railroads in the 30-day period just closed indicate that the movement this fall has been nearly as heavy as that last spring, when fully 25,000 new citizens came to the Northwest. Of that number approximately 25,000 became permanent residents.

Railroad immigration agents say that Oregon is receiving more colonists than any other portion of the West to which they sell low-fare tickets. The immense areas of unsettled land waiting for development are attracting thousands. It is these sections that the railroads, as well as the people of the state, are eager to have taken up and developed.

Reports from the Eastern gateways yesterday brought the intelligence that the rush of Oregon-bound travelers at the close of the period was every bit as great as that of six months ago. Trains on the Northern Pacific, Great Northern, Milwaukee, Canadian Pacific, Union Pacific and other lines that lead into Oregon are running in two sections to accommodate the crowds. Reduced-rate tickets were sold up to midnight. Purchasers are allowed a reasonable time to reach their destination. They will continue to pour into the state until the end of the week.

QUAKE KILLS IN SICILY

Buildings Collapse and Church Is Demolished; Eighty Injured.

CATANIA, Oct. 15.—An earthquake of brief duration occurred in Sicily today. The strongest shocks were felt at Catania, at the east base of Mount Etna, Macchia, Guardia, Roudinella and Santa Venerina.

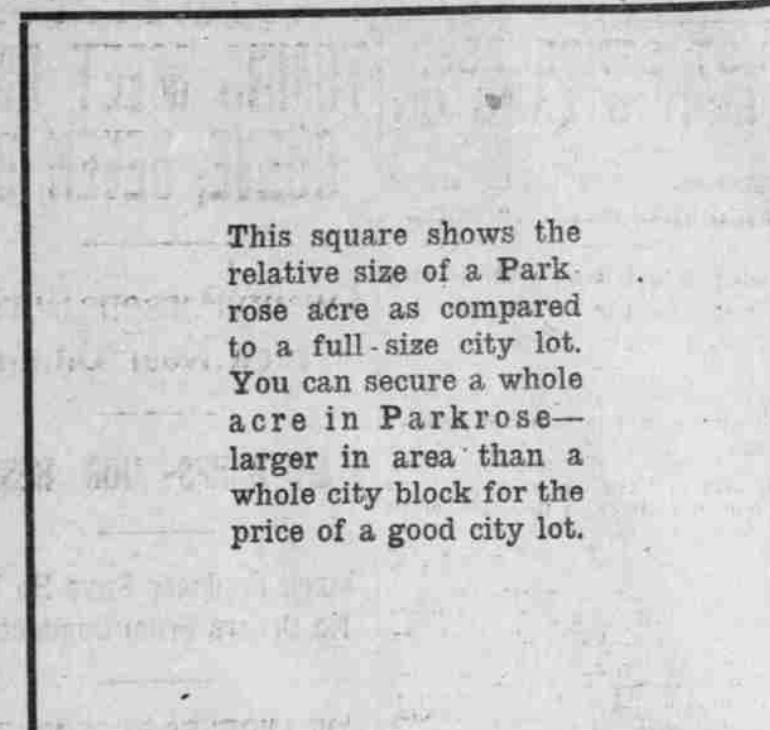
At Catania and Santa Venerina several houses collapsed and two persons were killed. At Macchia a church was demolished. Considerable damage also was done at Roudinella.

Later reports from the district affected indicate that many persons were killed, probably by the collapse of buildings. Troops were dispatched to the work of rescue, and succeeded in removing 20 bodies. Eighty persons are known to have been injured.

Reclamation Work Proposed.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Oct. 15.—(Special.)—Superintendent Engineer E. P. Hopson, of the United States Reclamation Service at Portland, is here to inspect the Klamath project, and accompanying him is the resident engineer of the project, went on a tour of the work on the dam and diversion canal at Lost River. Mr. Hopson said that the Reclamation Service will spend approximately \$200,000 in Klamath County next year. The principal work to be done is to build a canal for irrigating lands in the valley, and a strip of land along the east side of Lost River also is to be supplied with water.

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This square shows the relative size of a Parkrose acre as compared to a full-size city lot. You can secure a whole acre in Parkrose—larger in area than a whole city block for the price of a good city lot.

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Reason It Out This Way

The city is growing—growing rapidly in various directions. The greatest growth, however, is and has, for the past three years, been Rose City Park way—in fact, 50 per cent of all residences built in the last two years has been in the Rose City Park district. Isn't it reasonable to figure that the greatest growth will still continue in this same direction? It can't help it. It's the ONE natural avenue in which to expand.

Then stop for a moment and realize that Parkrose lies just beyond Rose City Park—in the direct path of this growth. Realize that the Rose City Park carline will be extended to the center of the tract immediately. It all means that Parkrose will witness the greatest upbuilding and development that have ever been seen in this city.

But that's not all. While the investment features of Parkrose are most promising you can—in addition—raise your own vegetables, fruits, etc., and actually cut your living expenses squarely in half.

In Parkrose you'll have unexcelled streetcar facilities—you'll have water—you'll have telephones—you'll have electric lights—all the comforts and conveniences that make life worth while.

You owe it to yourself and to your family to, at least, investigate Parkrose at once. Parkrose isn't an ordinary opportunity. It's an extraordinary one—having the strongest investment features—extraordinary advantages for a home—and the opportunity to reduce living expenses—ALL IN ONE.

Again we urge on you the necessity for quickest action. Every day witnesses record after record being broken. Drop in or phone us at once, and make an appointment to see Parkrose in one of our Autos, without expense on your part.

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TRUST WILL CEASE

Tobacco Company to Sell \$115,000,000 of Property.

STOCK DIVIDEND PLANNED

Programme for Dissolution Will Be Submitted to Federal Court Today—Voting Power to Be Controlled Rigidity.

AUTHOR'S WIDOWER WEDS

Former Husband of Myra Kelly Takes Bride for Third Time.

GREAT BARRINGTON, Mass., Oct. 15.—(Special.)—Allan MacNaughton, the well-known New York broker, whose second wife was Myra Kelly, the famous writer of short stories of children, and who died in April, 1910, has taken a bride for the third time. His present wife was Mrs. Clara P. Hughes, who gave her occupation to the license clerk as "gentlewoman." The wedding was kept secret, and there were neither attendants nor guests present.

Mr. MacNaughton's first wife, who was the only child of George L. Pease, a Brooklyn millionaire, divorced him, but the first public knowledge of the divorce came with the announcement of his approaching marriage to Miss Kelly, the common school teacher, who had been through bankruptcy twice, but has since a handsome summer home at Mount Washington, out of the wreck, and it is said that he and his latest bride are spending their honeymoon there.

August Pagenkopf Is Dead.

ALBANY, Or., Oct. 15.—(Special.)—August Pagenkopf, a well-known Albany man, died at his home in this city last evening, aged 75 years. Born in

Tobacco Company, now owned by the American Tobacco Company, which plan also provides for distribution in the form of dividends of the securities of the various subsidiary companies controlled by the American Tobacco Company to the American Tobacco Company's common stockholders, and the division of some of these subsidiary companies, which were held to be illegal combinations; into companies holding no interest in each other.

It provides further for radical changes in the voting power of the stock, so that the defendants who formerly controlled the American Tobacco Company will surrender this control.

The principal financial feature of the plan is the payment on the \$40,250,000 common stock of the American Tobacco Company, amounting to \$35,351,925, or about 91 per cent, which will be used toward the proposed retirement and cancellation of the company's existing bonds. For this assessment, however, the common stockholders will receive common stock of the Liggett & Meyers and P. Lorillard companies.

Cornerstone to Be Laid.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Oct. 15.—(Special.)—The cornerstone of the First Presbyterian Church of Vancouver will formally be laid next Sunday at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. While the program has not been completed, it is known that Rev. H. Marcotte, of Westminster Presbyterian Church, and Rev. J. E. Snyder, of the Piedmont Presbyterian Church of Portland, will speak.

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